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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OCULARISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that existing law in
2 Hawaii relating to ocularists, those who design, fit, and
3 fabricate artificial eyes under the supervision of a licensed
4 ophthalmologist or optometrist, provides that a certified
5 ocularist may perform within the scope of the ocularist's
6 certification if the certified ocularist is "recognized" by the
7 American Society of Ocularists. The legislature further finds
8 that the American Society of Ocularists is not a certifying
9 board or organization. Therefore, the standard to allow an
10 ocularist to conduct business in Hawaii should be whether an
11 ocularist is certified by a nationally recognized ocularistry
12 certifying board.

13 SECTION 2. Section 458-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to
16 prohibit a certified ocularist [~~as recognized by the American~~
17 ~~Society of Ocularists]~~ who is certified by the American Board of



1 Ocularistry, the National Examining Board of Ocularists, or any
2 other nationally recognized ocularistry certifying board from
3 performing within the scope of such certification; provided that
4 the ocularist performs only those functions dealing with the
5 designing, fitting, and fabricating of artificial eyes, and not
6 contact lenses of refractive value, and is under the supervision
7 of a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist. The ocularist
8 shall inform the board in writing of the name of the supervising
9 ophthalmologist or optometrist."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

13 INTRODUCED BY: _____

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By Request



S.B. NO. 225

Report Title:

Ocularists; Certification

Description:

Specifies that a certified ocularist, certified by a nationally recognized ocularistry certifying board, may perform duties within the scope of that certification.

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